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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE PROTECTING POWER IN ETHIOPIA

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1. THE FRG PERFORMED WELL AS PROTECTING POWER FOR THE US IN BRAZZAVILLE AND CONTINUES TO PROVIDE EXCELLENT ASSISTANCE IN KAMPALA. WE DO NOT THINK THE COMPLICATIONS OF THE UGANDA ROLE SHOULD BE A DETERRENT TO ASKING THE FRG TO TAKE ON ETHIOPIA AS WELL.

2. MORE CRUCIAL TO A GERMAN DECISION WOULD BE THEIR EVALUATION OF THE EXTENT TO WHICH TAKING ON THAT TASK MIGHT COMPLICATE THEIR OWN EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN A BALANCED POLICY IN THE HORN AND TO RETAIN AN FRG PRESENCE IN ETHIOPIA DESPITE A SLIGHT TILT IN FAVOR OF SOMALIA BECAUSE OF THE MOGADISCIO LUFTHANSA RESCUE OPERATION. THAT WOULD BE AN EVALUATION ONLY THE GERMANS COULD MAKE, AND THEIR OWN VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT WOULD

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BE MORE MEANINGFUL
THAN OUR SPECULATION.

3. IF THE FRG IS STILL BEING CONSIDERED AS A CANDIDATE, WE THUS RECOMMEND THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED TO SEEK FOREIGN OFFICE VIEWS ON WHETHER THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO SERVE AS PROTECTING POWER OR WOULD PREFER THAT WE LOOK

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